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Rain, heavy clouds over Falklands

WASHINGTON (R) — Rain and heavy clouds moved over the Falkland Islands Tuesday following mostly clear weather in the area during the past two days, the U.S. weather service reported. Satellite photographs showed a heavy cloud system extended east from southern South America to the Falklands and stretched several hundred miles north of the islands, according to meteorologist Arthur Smith of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Mr. Smith said only the leading edge of the large cloud system had reached the islands Tuesday and that the cloudy, rainy weather could stay in the area for some time. He would not predict how long the system would remain over the Falklands, where British and Argentine forces are battling for control.

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Ali-Begin talks scheduled for today

AIRO (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali will hold talks Wednesday with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on bilateral relations, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. Mr. Ali will fly to Israel on Wednesday carrying a letter to the Israeli leader from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Talks between Egypt and Israel on "autonomy" for the Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are called over the venue for discussions. Israel insists on holding the sessions in occupied Jerusalem, declared by the Zionist state as its "unified and eternal capital." Egypt says the status of the city among issues at stake and therefore no discussions should be held there. Sovereignty over a 700-square-metre coastal strip south of the Israeli port of Eilat is another outstanding issue.

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MAN (J.T.) — A royal decree issued appointing retired Gen. Saleh Al Kurdi as director-general of the Civil Aviation Authority and Sharif Ghazal as adviser at the Ministry of Sport as of June 1.

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ING (R) — U.S. Senate majority leader Howard Baker held high-level talks here Tuesday in hours of a warning by Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang that relations between Peking and Washington remain in crisis. Mr. Baker told reporters that during a minute meeting Vice-President Deng Xiaoping had expressed concern to him about the future of Sino-American ties if United States continued to sell arms to Taiwan. He said they outlined their differing views on the arms relations Act, which limits Washington to sell sensitive weapons to the island on a case-by-case basis. The meeting took place after the official New York Times Agency quoted Premier Zhao as saying on a visit to the U.S. that no results had yet been achieved in Sino-American talks.

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reek military ges exercises

HENS (R) — The Greek forces carried out an exercise from midnight until dawn Tuesday to test their state of readiness, a Defence Ministry spokesman said. The exercise tested the speed of movements of the time required to put in a state of alert various units throughout the country, the spokesman said. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, who is defence minister, went to the defence headquarters in an Athens suburb to supervise the exercise, the announcement said. The exercise took place at a time when relations between Greece and Turkey are strained over territorial rights and airspace control in the Aegean.

ack shot dead South Africa

IRBAN (R) — South African police shot dead a black man as he attempted to throw a grenade in a crowded township shopping centre in Durban, the port natal scene, said J.R. Van der Ven, a police spokesman. The man was shot dead when he was approached by security police in the shopping centre last Friday. After being shot once, he attempted to take a grenade from a bag and was shot in and killed. Brig. Van der Ven said the incident followed a search for two armed men who had shot another store in the vicinity days ago. A third man was shot by the storekeeper in that incident.

5 killed in Lebanon in May

IRUT (R) — One hundred and fifty-five people died in political violence in Lebanon last month, the highest figure for any month in the year, security and party sources said. About 60 were killed in fighting between pro- and anti-Syrian groups in the northern city Tripoli, 17 in an explosion at a party office, 11 in a blast at a French embassy and 10 in self-air-raids on the south. The highest deaths occurred in Beirut. During the same month 29 bombs exploded in Lebanon, the lowest figure so far in the year. The death toll brings the total for the first five months of the year to 546.

ad Butros visit U.K.

IRUT (R) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros said today he will visit Britain on June 28. He told reporters British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym had renewed an invitation first given by his predecessor Lord Carrington.

Badran visits Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran made a short visit to Iraq Tuesday, during which he met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and conveyed to him a message from His Majesty King Hussein dealing with the current Arab position on the Iraq-Iran war.

During the meeting, which lasted several hours, President Hussein and Mr. Badran exchanged views on the developments involving the war and the military situation on the battle front. They also discussed ways to form a unified Arab strategy to cope with the eventualities of the continuation of the war and Iran's expansionist ambitions in Iraq and the adjoining Arab states.

Upon his return to Amman in the afternoon, Prime Minister Badran told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the Iraqi military position is sound and solid, and that the Iraqi people are rallying behind their courageous leadership. He said the Iraqi army and people are determined to defend every inch of Iraq's Arab soil and to protect the Arab identity of Iraq, regardless of the sacrifices the number of forces Iranian regime might mass against Iraq and the Arab countries.

The meeting in Baghdad was attended from the Iraqi side by Revolutionary Council Vice-Chairman Izzat Ibrahim, First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, Revolutionary Council member and Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, and Revolutionary Council Secretary-General Tariq Hamad Al Abdullah. The meeting was also attended by the Jordanian ambassador in Baghdad.

Ramadan urges Arabs to abandon consensus policy on Gulf war

BEIRUT (R) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said in an interview published Tuesday that Arab states should abandon the principle of Arab unanimity in their attempts to end the Gulf war.

He told the Iraqi newspaper Al Jumhouria: "The fact that a minority has taken the side of the enemy should not prevent the majority from taking a clear and decisive position towards Iran."

Meanwhile in Cairo, President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday called on Arab and Islamic nations to seek an unconditional end of the Iraq-Iran war as a prelude to a final settlement of the dispute, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram reported.

In an interview, Mr. Mubarak also said Egypt was deeply concerned at the continuation of the war and its negative impact on the Gulf area.

"I appeal to all Arab and Islamic states to take up their historic responsibility, in a way that matches the delicacy of the situation and the enormity of interests at stake, to achieve an unconditional end to the war," he said.

Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri suggested convening an Arab summit conference with Egypt's participation for joint action to stop the Gulf war.

Meanwhile Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has called for Iraq to be barred from leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Lebanese factions trade artillery fire in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Rival armed groups fought pitched battles with artillery, rockets and machineguns in a crowded residential area of Beirut Tuesday and security sources said at least six people had been killed and 30 injured.

They said the fighting involved the Shi'ite Muslim organisation Amal, which supports the Islamic revolution in Iran, and the Lebanese branch of the Iraqi Baath Party.

The battles were the latest in a long-running series of clashes between Amal and a variety of Lebanese leftist groups caused by competition for recruits, differences over the Iran-Iraq war and Shi'ite resentment of Palestinians in South Lebanon.

Apartment blocks and shops shook to the crash of artillery and rocket-propelled grenades, and billows of smoke drifted up from buildings hit by shells, eyewitnesses said.

The security sources said Tuesday's fighting in which Communists had joined in on the side of the Baathists, followed clashes Monday night between Amal and a Kurdish group in the same area of the city.

During that battle a stray shell or rocket set fire to a large house next to the residence of British Ambassador David Roberts.

The ambassador said he believed everyone in the burning building was unhurt. There had been no damage to his own house.

Eyewitnesses said the fire in the stricken building, a traditional villa more than 200 years old, blazed out of control into the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Schools closed and traffic came to a halt in areas close to the fighting. Shooting prevented firemen from tackling several fires started by the battles, security sources said.

The last time Amal and its rivals clashed, about 40 people died and 60 were injured in a week of fighting in April in South Lebanon and Beirut.

Western diplomats in Beirut see Amal as a powerful new force on the chaotic Lebanese political scene and predict more fighting in future.

The group was founded in 1975 by the Shi'ite leader Imam Moussa Sadr and has won widespread support from Lebanon's 800,000 Shi'ites, who form one of the country's biggest communities but also its poorest.

Le Duan reported under treatment in Soviet Union

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnamese Communist Party leader Le Duan, 75, is in poor health and recently underwent treatment at a sanatorium in the Soviet Union according to Western diplomats based in Hanoi.

One diplomat visiting Bangkok said: "Le Duan is not in effective day-to-day control of party affairs."

Diplomats said Mr. Le Duan, who is 75 and suffers from kidney and lung problems, left Vietnam in mid-April, accompanied by two Soviet doctors. They said he was treated at a clinic in Crimea.

The Vietnam News Agency reported on Friday that he was "vacationing in the Soviet Union" but did not say when he left Vietnam or when he would return.

The official Soviet news agency TASS reported he had talks Monday in Moscow with Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Until Vietnam's party congress in Hanoi in March, Mr. Le Duan had not been seen in public for six months, the diplomats said.

"At the congress he read only 45 minutes of a several hours-long speech," they said, adding that he looked unwell and his face was puffy.

Argentine jets strafe advancing British

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The Argentine military high command said Tuesday the Argentine air force had launched a dawn bombing attack on Mount Kent which stands between advancing British troops and the main Argentine garrison on the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands at Puerto Argentino (Port Stanley).

It said in a communique the results of the bombing raid were being assessed. The statement gave no other details.

Green troops complained that Argentine forces had waved the white flag of surrender and then opened fire on advancing British troops.

Maj. Chris Keeble said in an interview with Jeremy Hands, a correspondent with Britain's Independent Television News (ITN): "They (the Argentines) fought until they realised they were beaten, then they showed the white flag. Then they fought a bit further. That's what sickened me."

250 Argentines killed

In London, the Defence Ministry said British forces killed about 250 Argentine soldiers in capturing Goose Green in the heaviest fighting so far in the Falklands conflict.

The death toll was 15 times higher than reported British losses.

The ministry earlier said that 16 British soldiers died in the battle last Friday for Goose Green and Darwin, strategic twin settlements on the southern flank of the British push towards the capital, Port Stanley.

The Argentine losses were the heaviest since the cruiser General Belgrano was torpedoed by a British submarine on May 3. The Argentine high command said 350 men were lost in that attack.

The Defence Ministry Tuesday made no mention of Argentine wounded. On Sunday it put the figure at 120 and said about 1,400 Argentine soldiers were taken prisoner.

White flag and shooting

The commanding officer of the 600-man British Parachute Battalion which captured Goose Green said he saw the Argentine flag flying from the summit of Mount Kent.

The Argentine military high command listed British losses in the Falklands conflict as five ships sunk, one aircraft carrier put out of action, 13 ships damaged, 25 Sea Harrier jump jets downed and 22 helicopters destroyed or seriously damaged.

Wounded prisoners

Britain has agreed to repatriate 140 wounded Argentine soldiers, taken prisoner in fighting on the Falkland Islands, the Defence Ministry said.

A ministry communique said the wounded servicemen would be transferred from the British hospital ship Uganda to the Argentine hospital ship Bahia Paraiso for an early return home.

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British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher arrives at her official residence at 10 Downing Street, London, Monday night, from her country residence at Chequers to monitor developments in the Falklands battle (A.P. wirephoto)

Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said Monday night that he would fly to Cuba on Wednesday to present Argentina's position to a meeting of non-aligned ministers.

"We want to attend this conference to expose and inform on the Argentine position regarding the conflict in the South Atlantic," he told a news conference.

The pro-British stance of the U.S., along with sanctions imposed on Argentina by Western European countries, had brought press speculation in Buenos Aires that Argentina could turn to the East for aid, especially the Soviet Union.

No Soviet offer

Argentina has received no offer of military help from the Soviet Union, according to air force chief Basilio Lami Dozo.

"There has not been an offer. Should there be one, the alternative would be analysed if circumstances determined it," he told Argentine reporters Monday night.

Brig. Lami Dozo, whose remarks were quoted by several Buenos Aires newspapers Tuesday, said relations between Argentina and the U.S. were going through an unhappy period, but both countries were part of the same continent and shared common principles.

"One must put things into perspective to show that Argentina is part of the American world," he said.

UNDP may cut aid programmes

GENEVA (R) — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) may have to cut its Third World development projects by nearly 40 per cent because donor countries have not given enough money, the head of the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) said Tuesday.

UNDP Administrator Bradford Morse said the cuts would mean no new U.N. development aid for the world's poorest countries and possible trimming of existing programmes.

The New York-based UNDP is also cutting back its staff posts by 7.5 per cent, he told the programme's governing council in Geneva.

Iran hangs 15 rebels

LONDON (R) — Fifteen Mujahadeen activists have been hanged in the eastern Iranian city of Mashhad, a spokesman for the local revolutionary court said Tuesday.

The spokesman told Reuters by telephone from Mashhad that the guerrillas were executed two nights ago.

He said the guerrillas, three of them women, had been found guilty of political assassination, armed rebellion and creating unrest in prison.

One of the guerrillas had attacked a shop with a petrol bomb, setting the shop ablaze and burning the owner to death.

Relatives of people killed by the Mujahadeen organisation had been invited by the religious judge to watch the hangings, the spokesman said. Hanging is only rarely used by Iran's Islamic courts. The majority of an estimated 2,500 guerrillas executed in the past year have been shot by firing squad.

3 executed in Sari

The Tehran evening newspaper Keyhan reported Tuesday that three members of the Mujahadeen were executed by firing squad in the Caspian provincial capital of Sari.

The executions followed street clashes at the weekend between the Mujahadeen and revolutionary guards in Tehran where official reports said 12 guerrillas had been killed.

Police outnumber audience as Pope visits Glasgow

GLASGOW, Scotland (R) — Screened by the tightest security seen on his British tour, Pope John Paul II Tuesday visited this city with a long history of bitterness between Catholics and Protestants.

Protestants opposed to the first papal visit ever made to Britain had warned of trouble when the pontiff arrived in Scotland's biggest city.

Pope John was apprehensive after a fire early Tuesday at a railway station near the park where the Pope was to preach later to 250,000 people. Anti-papal slogans were daubed on the station walls.

Monday night two busloads of Catholic teenagers returning from a youth festival for the Pope in Edinburgh were stoned in a Protestant section of Glasgow.

When the Pope arrived in this bastion of Scottish Catholicism to address students at a Catholic education college, the surrounding roads were closed and police nearly outnumbered the audience.

The guests, numbering about 400, were frisked and checked four times before the Pope arrived.

Organisers in Edinburgh were embarrassed Monday when more than 100 noisy Protestant demonstrators threw coins, eggs and rolled-up paper at the Pope's car.

Fourteen protesters, all supporters of Northern Ireland's hardline Protestant preacher-politician Ian Paisley, were remanded in custody when they appeared in court Tuesday.

The magistrate said they should be held until the Pope's visit ends on Wednesday.

The 62-year-old pontiff, seriously wounded by a gunman a year ago, showed signs of tiredness on the fifth day of his rigorous six-day tour.

He touched again on the problem of unemployment—Britain has three million out of work and Glasgow has one of the highest jobless rates in the country—and spoke of the deep frustration experienced by unemployed school-leavers.

"Nowadays, as we have been made only too aware, the possession of a certificate does not bring automatic employment," he said.

Genscher's visit to Israel aims to improve relations

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Wednesday attempts to strengthen his country's strained relations with Israel following vehement anti-German outbursts by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

He will be the first senior German minister to visit Israel since Mr. Begin began a series of outspoken, personal attacks on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt last year.

Mr. Genscher, facing what one Western diplomat described as "a damn delicate task," will hold a rapid round of meetings with Mr. Begin and other Israeli leaders during his 34-hour visit.

The Israeli prime minister, whose speeches frequently refer to the World War Two and Nazi Germany, has said he will never apologise for his anti-Schmidt remarks.

They started during last year's election campaign when Mr. Begin accused the chancellor of arrogance, greed and callous disregard for the Jews killed in Nazi concentration camps.

Mr. Begin, later broadened his target to include the whole German people, declaring he would never forgive them.

Mr. Genscher, who has paid three previous visits to Israel, was never personally criticised but in one interview Mr. Begin described how he conducted his talks with the foreign minister.

"I do not want to shake the hand of a German who participated in the war... when Mr. Genscher came to me, I received him and talked to him in English. I would not have spoken to him in German," Mr. Begin said.

Although it was rejected the Begin attacks—the last was in February—Bonn has appeared keen to prevent the dispute developing.

"There is no need for the subject to be touched on during Mr. Genscher's visit," one West German diplomat said.

A senior Israeli official told reporters he did not believe "that Begin-Schmidt relations were an acute problem at the moment."

Changing European view

Israeli officials are portraying the visit as fresh evidence of a changing European attitude towards the Middle East since French President Francois Mitterrand gained power.

Mr. Mitterrand and the foreign ministers of Britain, Italy and Belgium have all travelled to Israel this year.

Israel rejected outright the 1980 European call for Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) involvement in Middle East peace efforts.

"The EEC now seems to be aware there is no useful purpose in coming out with declarations on the Arab-Israeli dispute without reasonable consultations with Israel," an official said.

Israeli officials are also expected to seek an undertaking that Germany will not sell Leopard Tanks to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Genscher's schedule includes a call on President Navon as well as talks with Mr. Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Unlike some visiting European ministers, he has not asked for a meeting with Palestinian leaders from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, according to Israeli officials.

Emilio Colombo urges Africa to follow non-alignment

ROME (R) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo has urged consideration of a possible conference on security and cooperation in Africa, along the lines of the 1975 Helsinki conference on European security.

Such a conference would establish clear provisions and precise guidelines on international policy towards Africa for the benefit of its people and the cause of world peace, Mr. Colombo said.

He made the suggestion in a speech to the Africa committee of the European Christian Democratic parties, meeting in Limerick, Ireland.

The Italian Foreign Ministry in Rome distributed an English translation of the speech.

Listing the African continent's economic handicaps, Mr. Colombo said a destabilised Africa, "or worse, an Africa entangled in the East-West confrontation" could set off a world crisis with unforeseeable consequences.

He said Christian Democrats were convinced that genuine non-alignment was the best way to prevent Africa from being caught between opposing blocs of East and West.

Australian government agrees on economic plan with N. Zealand

CANBERRA (R) — The Australian government has agreed to a plan for closer economic relations with New Zealand and the eventual creation of a common market of 18 million people.

Deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony said Tuesday in a statement that details of the agreement, reached after long and difficult negotiations, would be released simultaneously in New Zealand and Australia, probably on Friday, to allow public discussion.

Negotiations on the plan followed talks between Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon in March 1980.

Mr. Fraser promised at that time that the full package of proposals would be made public before final agreement was given.

Mr. Anthony said that while the package was under public scrutiny, "both sides will continue to work on the basis that a final affirmative decision in August would enable the proposed new arrangements to be implemented on Jan. 1, 1983."

Under plan, trade between the two countries will progressively be liberalised and import licences and tariff quotas eliminated.

In New Zealand, Mr. Muldoon welcomed the Australian agreement.

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Redevelopment project puts home ownership within reach of lower income brackets

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Special to the Jordan Times

In response to the problem of overcrowded and insanitary housing conditions in five slum areas in Amman, the government initiated a five-year urban development project to meet the needs of the poorest 15-40 per cent of the Amman urban society. Following is the first of a two-part report by Suzanne Zu'mut-Black on the JD 17 million project and its likely impact on the lives of the families living in the slum areas. The second part will appear in Thursday's Jordan Times.

AMMAN — Abu Imad, a scaffolder with a wife and seven children aged one to 15, has been a squatter in East Wahdat since 1967. East Wahdat is a shanty town of 385 households just outside the Wahdat UNRWA refugee camp. Abu Imad's house has no electricity, so he runs his television on a car battery. He has no piped water supply and relies on the water tanker to provide his needs. In his tiny yard he dug a pit for the waste from his toilet, for there is no sewage system. At night he disposes of waste domestic water onto the muddy track outside his house. However, Abu Imad considers himself luckier than most of his neighbours, for, two years ago, he could afford to replace the corrugated metal (zinc) walls of his two-room-and-kitchen home with brick and mortar. But his roof, like all those of the area, is still zinc.

weighted down against the weather by bricks and an assortment of heavy objects. "Water drips from it onto our faces when we're asleep," said his wife Wedad referring to humidity concentration, as she was making some Turkish coffee for her guest, the reporter, over a gas oven that took up almost one-third of the kitchen.

Zahieh, with her husband, who is a porter, and seven children between the ages of four and 18 live in Wadi Haddadeh, another part of Amman squatted on by 125 families. Zahieh has lived in this slum area since 1967 in a one-room-and-kitchen home made entirely of zinc and is also without all the service facilities. She, also has to buy her water from a tanker, and like so many other residents of these areas interviewed by the Jordan Times, she complained of the expense of

pumping out the sewage pit. Now, for the first time, Abu Imad and Zahieh have the prospect of owning their own land and house with full urban amenities and enjoying varied social services.

Ahu Imad's and Zahieh's families are two of nearly 1,700 squatter families in five slum areas in Amman who will benefit from the government five-year Urban Development Project (1980-1984) controlled by the Urban Development Department (UDD). The five areas are East Wahdat, Jofeh, Wadi Rimam, Wadi Haddadeh and Nuzha.

The plan aims not only at improving the squatters' conditions and enabling them to own the land they live on, but also at creating three new housing areas catering for 5,000 other families (households) from Amman's lower income group. These new areas in Quweismeh, Marka and Ruseifeh. In all, around 50,000 people will benefit from the scheme as a whole.

JD 17m project

Funding for this JD 17 million project is obtained through a loan agreement with the World Bank, which is lending JD 6.2 million, and arrangements with the Housing Bank for JD 7.3 million, and the government, which is participating with JD 3.5 million.

The project is a result of studies commissioned by the government in 1979 following a pilot study in 1978 in response to the problem of overcrowded and insanitary housing conditions in the Amman Urban region.

The project is designed to meet the needs of the poorest 15-40 per cent of the Amman urban society. 70 per cent of this group has an

approximate monthly income of JD 60-100, while 15 per cent earn less than JD 60 and the other 15 per cent more than JD 100.

In order to redevelop the slum areas, the UDD carried out two studies in 1980 and 1981. One was a social survey which inquired into family structure, income and ownership of land and dwelling, while the other was a physical survey of squatter construction methods and sanitary systems used. The surveys, discovered 11,200 squatters living in these areas.

In addition, a health study was carried out to ascertain the health situation of children under three years of age. Mrs. Samar Saleh-Abu Ghazaleh, a UDD employee who was involved in this survey, told the Jordan Times that the survey investigated such items as contraception, blood relationship to husband, number of wives, number of children, living and dead, and breast feeding. The survey is to be re-run in five years to assess changes in the health situation as a result of improved conditions. So children's health will be used as an indicator to measure the success of the project.

"The aim of the project is the development of slum areas that have been occupied by squatters and which, as a result, have no efficient government services," UDD Director Hisham Zagha told the Jordan Times. "The attempt is to develop the communities through home and land ownership, because basically if you make people land owners they will look after the property better," he pointed out.

The UDD is responsible for acquiring and disposing of the land, designing, tendering and supervising building contracts, selecting beneficiaries, allocating plots and coordinating with other public and private agencies involved. It is also responsible for liaison with the public, securing funds, accountability and certifying cost recovery payment.

"The UDD buys the land, reorganises it by providing it with water, sewers, power, roads and footpaths and sells it to the squatters over a period of 20 years," Dr. Zagha explained. "Loans will be made available through the Housing Bank with payments not exceeding 25 per cent of the household income. Financial assistance will also be offered for building materials."

While the infrastructure off the site is paid for by the government, the on-site services are partially paid for by the new land owners.

The average plot size is planned to be 100 square metres. It is hoped that less than 10 per cent of the present structures will have to be demolished to make way for a road and pathway system. "Our policy is to try to destroy as little as possible," one UDD engineer said.

Social services

Social services that will also be offered in the upgraded areas, when space allow, include shops and workshops to be bought or rented and women's vocational training and community centres. One large training centre for all the men included in the project will be built at the Quweismeh site. The programme being planned with the Vocational



Seen in the picture are four brothers (in front of their East Wahdat home) who will be among the 50,000 people expected to benefit from the urban development scheme

Training Corporation for the women's vocational training centres of the project was presented in a survey to potential women beneficiaries living in the upgraded areas to get their response. Mrs. Rebecca Sali, who is in charge of the UDD Community Development Division, told the Jordan Times that particular interest was expressed by the women in learning basic building methods such as tiling, plastering and carpentry. "You can

see why. Their houses need them," Mrs. Sali commented.

"Some women participate in these jobs in their homes," she said, and gave a few examples of women in East Wahdat and Jofeh where one plastered her living room, another did the tiling on her veranda yet another built steps to her house.

Other aspects of the programme are courses in typing and machine-knitting and a system by which women will be able to learn

sewing and then continue producing goods to be marketed by the centres.

The aim of the small neighbourhood scale centres is to give women skills by which they could augment their family income by work inside or outside the house and also to help them save money.

The centres will all be within walking distance and will therefore save the women the use of transportation and minimise the

time they will have to be away from their families. In addition, the provision of nurseries is envisioned in the community centre for the women who attend the training centres.

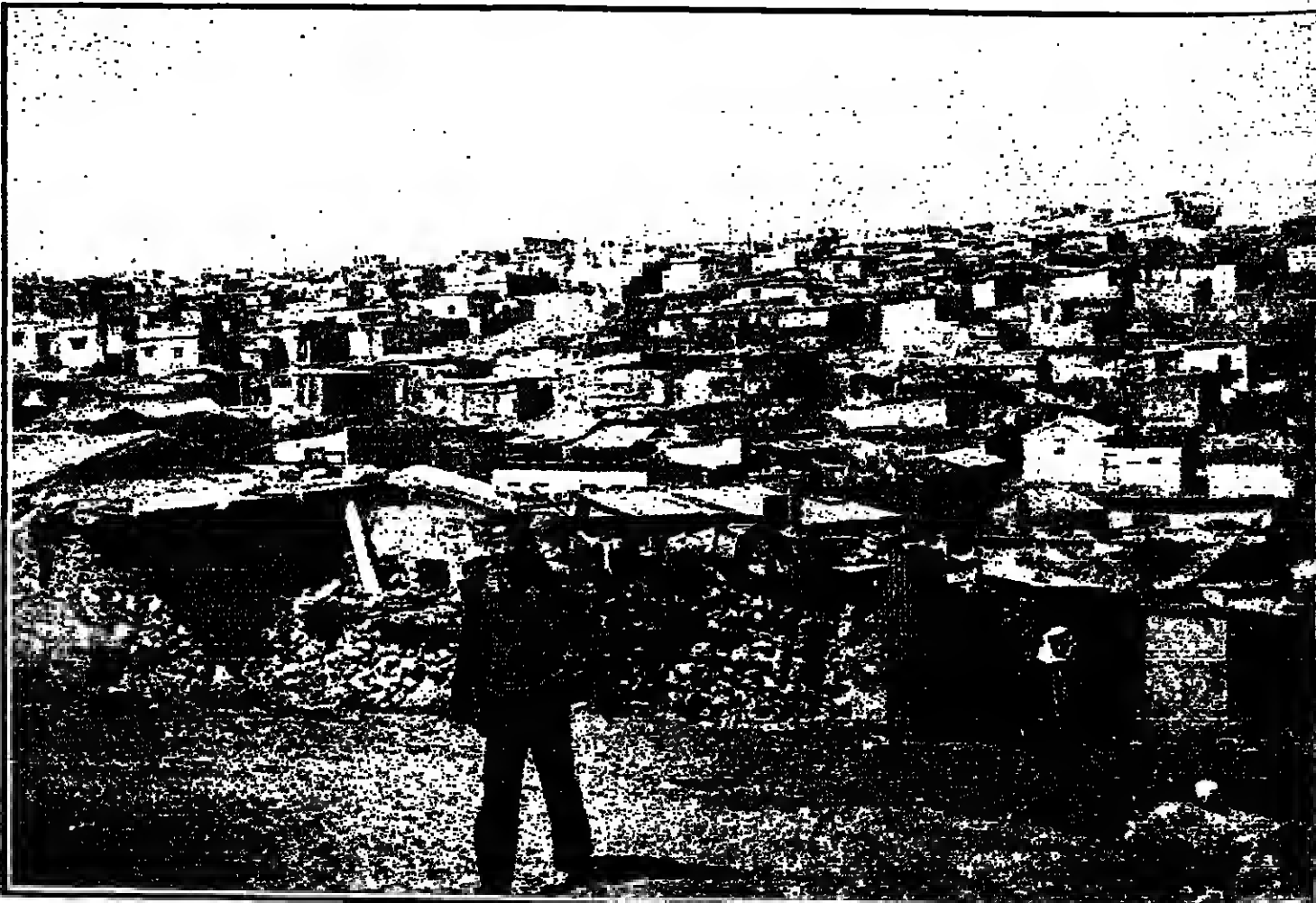
The community centres will also offer courses in literacy as well as in childcare and nutrition. The content of the latter will include aspects that have been found necessary by the health survey carried out in the redevelopment areas.



Above: An Urban Development Project employee talks with a housewife in Wadi Haddadeh. Below: A general view of East Wahdat housing area



A view from the inside of an East Wahdat home



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King receives cables on Arab Renaissance Day

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Court has received many cables of congratulations from high-ranking officials and official bodies on the Arab Renaissance Day. The cables were good wishes to His Majesty King Hussein and his family, and to the people of Jordan, whose banner and principles are raised by the late Sharif Hussein bin Ali.

The prime minister, speakers of the Upper House of Parliament and the National Consultative Council (NCC), the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, the chief qadi, the Amman mayor, the directors of public security, civil defence and general intelligence, and representatives of official and popular bodies were among those who sent the cables.

Public health campaign starts in northern Jordan Valley

NORTHERN JORDAN VALLEY (Petra) — The northern Jordan Valley district has formed committees stemming from the Public Safety Committee in the Shunna, 'Adasiyah, Al-Sabbar, Qas, Krameh, and Al-Husseini to make daily inspection tours of the health conditions in these areas and to

ensure that the necessary health conditions are available.

On the other hand, the municipalities of Northern Shunna, Masbari and Krameh in the northern Jordan Valley will carry out general spraying campaigns starting this week to protect public health.

Health Insurance Draft Law to be discussed in meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran will preside over the meetings of the Higher Health Council, which will be held on Thursday morning at the Royal Medical Corps Directorate. The council will discuss the draft law of the Health Insurance Corporation and will recommend the addition of several new clinical professions in light of the amendment of Article 52 of the Public Health Law No. 21 of 1971.

The Higher Health Council is presided over by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, and has as members Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, Education Minister Sa'id Tal, the dean of the school of medicine at the University of Jordan, the Health Ministry under secretary, the president of the National Planning Council (NPC), the president of the Doctors Association, the president of the Pharmacists Association, the director-general of the Social Security Corporation, and the director of the Environment Department at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment.

On the other hand, Health Minister Zuhair Malhas will preside over a meeting of the directors of the Health Departments in the country on Sunday. The meeting will be devoted to discussing the health conditions and making the necessary arrangements to prevent the spread of the cholera epidemic in the country.

Plans in progress to raise tourist activity in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Tourism Marketing Department at the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities has prepared a plan to promote tourist publicity for Jordan this year with the aim of increasing the number of incoming tourists and to prolong their stay in the country.

The plan includes the implementation of marketing programmes in the American, European, Australian, and Arab Gulf markets. In implementation of this plan, no promotion will be produced,

the first general, and the second marketing-oriented publicising for tourist and historic sites in the country. It will also include the production of musical records and cassettes for distribution with the aim of acquainting tourists with the various aspects of Jordanian heritage.

The Tourism and Antiquities Ministry will participate in the plan by organising several Arab and foreign tourist exhibitions in addition to conducting a study on the hotel capacity and the costs of holidays in Jordan.

New village councils in Mafraq

MAFRAQ (Petra) — The Mafraq district governor's office has decided to form new village councils in the villages of Deir Al-Kahl, Rifa'iyyat, Rahbat Rakkad, Ashrafyiat Qassim, Abu Al-Farf and Al-Munshabeh.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JVA tomato paste factory

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) has opened its first plant of tomato paste in Al-'Ardah area, and the JVA has begun purchasing tomatoes from farmers in the Jordan Valley areas. JVA sources have said that among the aims of establishing this plant is to benefit from the surplus tomatoes and to maintain their average seasonal prices and help the Jordanian farmer avoid loss.

Cypriot trade director to visit Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The director-general of the Cyprus industry ministry will arrive in Amman on June 24 for a visit to Jordan during which he will meet with Jordanian officials to discuss ways of boosting trade between the two countries. During his visit, the Cypriot guest will open in Amman a week-long exhibition of Cypriot products and industries.

\$25m to Jordan from IMF

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian government has received a cable from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) saying that the IMF board of directors has decided to grant a \$25 million loan as a contribution to the implementation of the Aqaba electricity station project.

Diplomats visit CAEU exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — Several members of the foreign diplomatic corps and a number of officials of regional and international organisations, banks and financial institutions visited on Tuesday the study exhibition organised by the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU). The visitors heard a detailed explanation on the contents of the exhibition which reflect the scientific and practical activities of the technical cadres employed at the CAEU general secretariat. The visitors expressed their appreciation of the unique efforts made by the secretariat in the field of study and research.

Lawzi discusses university cooperation with UAE heir

ABU DHABI (J.T.) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Heir Apparent and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Sheikh Khalifah bin Zayid met here last night with Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi. They discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between the two countries, particularly

between the University of Jordan and the UAE University. They also discussed the current Arab situation in general.

Tunisian agricultural cooperative delegation to visit Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation of the employees of the directorate for assisting small and middle-size farmers in Tunisia under Director of the Department of Rural Enterprises Al Munsif Al Fayyash will arrive in Amman on Wednesday.

During its three-day visit to Jordan, the delegation will be acquainted with matters related to establishing agricultural cooperatives and the nature of their work, particularly in the field of loans

and the marketing of agricultural produce.

The delegation will meet the director-general and senior officials of the Cooperative Organisation and the director of Cooperative Institute. It will also visit a number of cooperative societies to get acquainted with the nature of its activities with the aim of benefiting from the Jordanian experiment and the possibility of applying it in Tunisia.

CAEU meetings start today

AMMAN (Petra) — The meetings of the 39th session of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), which will be held at the level of the finance, commerce and economy ministers of the CAEU member-states, will begin at the CAEU headquarters in Amman on Wednesday.

The agenda of the two-day meetings includes discussion of the bi-annual report of the CAEU secretary-general which reviews the Arab economic conditions, the

indicators and trends of Arab economic development, and following up the implementation of the economic resolutions adopted by the 11th Arab summit held in Amman in 1980 as well as the

agreement on progress of trade exchange among the Arab states, approved by the Arab Economic and Social Council. It will also discuss a number of reports by committees stemming from the CAEU.

Aqaba Commercial Station project financiers to meet

AMMAN (Petra) — The third meeting of financiers of the Aqaba Commercial Station project and the 400-Kilovolt line project linking Aqaba with Amman will be held in Amman on Wednesday.

The financiers of the projects decided in their second meeting held last December to hold their meeting in Amman to approve expenditures on the financial plan of the project and to conclude negotiations related to the progress of the fifth electricity project. The meeting is held at the invitation of the National Planning Council (NPC).

The NPC and the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) are coordinating for this meeting in which Arab and international entrepreneurs will participate.

The project includes the building of a commercial station in Aqaba with two steam-generating units based on cooling sea water. The capacity of the two units is 260 megawatts, and a 400-kilovolt high-tension line linking Amman with Aqaba will be installed. The project will also include all the necessary engineering and consultancy services at an estimated cost of JD 104 million.

Jerash light and sound project completed

JERASH (Petra) — Experiments for operating the sound and light project in Jerash have been completed, and work will begin according to plan in June. Project Director Yousef Al-'Alami said.

Mr. 'Alami said the sound and light programmes which will be exhibited every evening tell the story of the ancient city site by site in Arabic, English, French and German.

Taken fees of JD 1 per person have been fixed for seeing these programmes, and the cost of the project is JD 400,000, he said.

Mr. 'Alami added that coordination will take place with the Jordanian Express Tourist Transport Company (JETT) to enable tourists and citizens to see the programmes.

Studies are underway in Petra to implement a similar project there, particularly after the completion of the 84-room hotel there at the end of this year at a cost of JD 1.5 million.

The five-year development plan of the Tourism Ministry includes a mini sound and light project at the Aqaba government building where the late Sharif Hussein bin Ali stayed when he arrived in Jordan. The project tells the story of the Great Arab Revolt and its cost is estimated at JD 190,000.

Mosque built in Ajloun

AJLOUN (Petra) — The Ajloun district Awqaf directorate has completed the building of the Kufrajeh mosque in the district. The mosque, which can accommodate 500 worshippers, was built at a cost of JD 15,000.

رالي الأردن Jordan rally

The Jordan Rally will be held on June 3 and 4. Interesting places from which to watch the competing cars are as follows:-

Start from the Amman Marriott Hotel at 09.00 a.m. on Thursday. Zai special stage at 09:30 a.m. Swaqa special stage at 3:30 p.m.

Aqaba beach south of the container port at 7:00 p.m. Finish at the Aqaba Tourist House at 7:30 p.m.

Start from the Aqaba Tourist House on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Aqaba beach south of the container port at 9:15 a.m.

Swaqa special stage at 1:15 p.m. Finish at the Amman Marriott Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Spectators are most welcome to watch the competing cars from any of the above mentioned locations.

Civil Defence Department to establish training institute to raise efficiency

By Salim Saket
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A spokesman for the Civil Defence Department said that the technical studies related to the establishment of an institute for training civil defence, first aid and emergency personnel, to raise the efficiency of the Civil Defence Department are underway. The cost of the building which will house the institute and whose construction will begin before the end of this year, is estimated at JD 1,200,000.

As part of the preparations for this, Amman District Civil Defence Director Lt. Col. Dhib Al Ma'ani, who recently returned from West Germany after attend-

ing a fire-fighting seminar for Arab fire fighting experts, said the seminar's programme was very intensive and included specialised scientific lectures in public safety and protection by specialised experts in these fields. He said discussions and dialogue took place during the seminar on the ideas and theories raised.

There were also field tours to see demonstrations of the advanced methods of fire-fighting in plants, commercial premises, government and private enterprises, ports, oil terminals, and oil and petrol tankers. Among these preventative measures are electronic warning systems, automatic fire-fighting systems, and precautions against the outbreak of

fire, including cleanliness, proper warehousing, using electric security equipment with periodic maintenance, good ventilation, heat-insulating barriers, smoke disposal systems, and the use of building material with specific heat resistance such as doors, windows and fire-resistant curtains, and the use of fire escapes for evacuation. Furthermore, each enterprise, plant or big company has a special fire-fighting station equipped with equipment, apparatus and personnel.

The seminar indicated the significance of direct electronic contact between important enterprises and the fire-fighting departments in the cities so that

these departments could rush to the rescue of these enterprises when needed.

The field visits included strategic plants and installations in West Germany, statistics centres, and centres of information gathering through computer. The seminar also included visits to insurance companies which are playing an effective and important role in fire-fighting processes.

Lt. Col. Ma'ani also praised the role of the West German insurance companies for forming a general federation of insurance companies to pay the cost of establishing a permanent exhibition for educating citizens in this connection.

Saudi telecommunications minister receives decoration from Jordanian counterpart



Saudi telecommunications minister (centre) attends the dinner party held on his honour on Monday evening, surrounded by members of the Jordanian cabinet. (Petra photo)

AMMAN (Petra) — Communications Minister Mohammad Adoub Al Zaben bestowed on Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, his Saudi counterpart Jordan Kawkab Medal, first grade, granted to him by His Majesty King Hussein at a dinner party on Monday evening in honour of visiting Saudi Telecommunications Minister. The dinner was attended by several ministers, members of the National Consultative Council (NCC), the members of the delegation accompanying Mr. Kayyal, and the Saudi charge d'affaires in Amman. Dr. Kayyal and Dr. Zaben visited on Tuesday a number of projects

at the Jordan Valley, and saw the projects which have already been implemented and the projects still under implementation in order to expand the area of arable lands, assist farmers, and boost irrigation projects and projects for opening roads.

The Saudi guest said the aim of his visit to Jordan and meetings with his Jordanian counterpart is to consolidate telecommunications cooperation between the two countries and to adopt the necessary measures to expand the telephone circuits between Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- Paintings by the students of the College of the Sisters of Nazareth at the French Cultural Centre.
- Paintings by Fu'ad Al Hassan, at Ammon Hotel.
- Paintings by Hind Nasser, at the Alia Art Gallery.
- Exhibition of children's books, educational material and toys at the Prince Hashem Bird Garden, Shmeisani.

Video

- Histoire: Des Autos et des Hommes (1886-1900) at 5:00 p.m. and Les Faucheurs de Marguerites, at 6:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

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Abu Nseir houses: Some clarification needed

By Dr. Awn Rifai

THE long-awaited construction of the Abu Nseir city is finally under way, after all the pertinent designs have been completed. Criticism of these designs is starting to be voiced, in particular after the Housing Corporation has circulated the preliminary information regarding the city, its amenities and the design of its houses.

The Housing Corporation has accomplished many projects in its endeavour to provide satisfactory accommodation for citizens of limited income. It has acquired a good reputation in this respect, despite unavoidable problems which are bound to occur. But, as for Abu Nseir, the corporation is asked to step forward and explain the questions which have recently been raised.

Regarding the design of the city streets, markets, and amenities, there is hardly any room for criticism since it certainly has been carefully studied by specialists, in addition to the fact that these details have not been clarified in the information booklet. As for the cost of these amenities, there is no reason why they should be borne by the would-be residents of the city, at a time when similar facilities elsewhere are financed from the budget of the official departments concerned.

The information booklet of the housing project displays different designs of the housing units for the scheme participants to choose from. Although the drawings fail to give a clear picture of the configuration of the units in relation to neighbouring ones,

there exist some anomalies which can be observed within the units themselves. Some units do not have adequate windows to permit the proper ventilation and exposure to sunlight or to outside scenery, while others have no windows or doors along three sides of the building, with the glass openings facing a small closed inner courtyard. Some units have no balconies, depriving the inhabitants of their use for relaxing or for drying laundry, something that cannot be done on the roof, that is inaccessible by any means, leading to more waste of valuable space.

The locations and sizes of the kitchens and toilets may present some inconvenience. The small area of some units does not justify the construction of the rooms on two separate

floors, which will keep the inhabitants jumping up and down the stairs very frequently. Built-in walls for dividing the rooms cannot be modified later according to the taste of the occupants, and stuck everywhere in a small area, could be considered an impediment to free movement.

The facilities supplied with the housing are unsatisfactory. There is no word about the installation of central heating systems, or any other adequate and separate water and space heating fittings for every unit, in case the occupants opt to install their own in the future. There is also no word about the installation of telephones, or the construction of car garages.

The internal and external finishes are still to be seen. No clarification is being supplied

as to the availability of window shutters or metallic bars, front gardens, backyards, and the like. There is hardly any room for the children to play in, or for any outdoor relaxation. The front door of the houses seems to be fitting flush against the pavement, and the adjacency of the units restricts family privacy.

For the price quoted for such units, the would-be resident is tempted to favour the alternative and more reasonable designs adopted in many of the affluent areas of Amman.

The criticism against the Housing Corporation might not be justified; and their engineers must have settled on the designs after thorough study. Will the Housing Corporation come forward with more clarifications?

The "problem" that was not solved

IF ISRAEL believes its own propaganda, it should be considerably worried by statistics released by the Central Bank of Israel showing that the Jewish population of Israel dropped by 11,000 last year. It has always been central to Israel's propaganda theme among innocent westerners that Israel was created to provide a haven where the Jews of the world could gather in safety, free from discrimination or persecution. If one is to go by the record — particularly the recent record of Jews leaving the Soviet Union — the world's Jews are not so keen to live in Israel as the state's propaganda would have us believe. The vast majority of Soviet Jews have opted to settle in Western Europe and the United States, despite Israeli government efforts to more or less force them to live in Israel, where they can enjoy some of the money that the United States government provides for their resettlement — in many cases, indirectly or directly, in the occupied Palestinian ter-

ritories of the West Bank and Gaza. The parallel reality is that the establishment of the state of Israel has not alleviated the cruel suffering of Jews in other countries, who, according to Israeli reports, are still subjected to instances of anti-semitism, in some cases in a serious scale.

Far from solving the "Jewish problem", as it was called in the late 1800s by the founders of Israel, the Zionist state has simply given it a new focus in the alien, antagonistic status of Israel within the larger Middle East region. It was only a matter of time before the myth of all Jews wishing to come live in Israel would expose itself for all to see. If Israel really wished to resolve the "Jewish problem" in a humane manner, it would come to terms with the Palestinian reality and live side-by-side with a Palestinian state, and thereby allow Israel to live as a normal country, like it has never been able to do to date.

Just Middle East settlement is not in Washington's interests

By E. Ryabtsev

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The Reagan administration asserts that it is supposedly interested in eliminating the crisis situation in the Middle East. Meanwhile, in reality, there exists a vast difference between the U.S.-Israeli ideas of peace in the region and those of the Arabs. This difference has appeared as a result of Israel's refusal to withdraw from the occupied Arab lands, its reluctance to do away with the policy of annexations, and its categorical objections to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Pax Americana, effected within the framework of the Camp David process, had sharply aggravated the entire situation in the Middle East. Linked with this process are the setting up of U.S. military bases in the region, the signing of a separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, a treaty which was resolutely rejected by the Arabs. The stationing of the "multi-national force" in the Sinai after the withdrawal of Israeli occupational troops, has led to a situation where the bulk of this force is formed by the units of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

In the course of implementing the Camp David policy Israel started to vigorously pursue genocide against the Palestinian Arabs, annexed East Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan Heights, and made a bandit raid on a nuclear research plant near Baghdad. Tel Aviv's aviation is continuously terrorising Israel's Arab neighbours, and is heavily bombing Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

Washington's invariable refusal to support the just sanctions of the United Nations vis-a-vis Israel has repeatedly confirmed with whom the U.S. is siding, and what kind of peace it would like to establish in the area. For this reason, the current talk of U.S. administration officials about a "new approach" to the Middle East settlement arouses well-grounded scepticism on many sides.

Is the U.S. really planning to make a constructive proposal for the settlement of the crisis situation?

If one is to believe U.S. official statements, the Camp David process remains for Washington the basis for the liquidation of the Middle East crisis. Meanwhile, people directly associated with this process with the continued escalation of Israeli expansionism and the reign of terrorism in the region. As before, Tel Aviv is against a just solution of the Palestinian problem, which is the core of the Middle East settlement.

"Therefore, while continuing to support Israel, Washington is deliberately torpedoing all Arab efforts to ensure a just solution of the protracted conflict."

Then, what is the essence of the "new" U.S. approach to the Middle East? As before, the main U.S. effort there is directed at establishing anti-Soviet "strategic consensus". Washington is infatuated

ing the oil-producing countries with "Islamic revolution" and "red danger", in the hope to establish its permanent presence in the Gulf.

It is exactly the militaristic plans of the U.S. that are one of the chief obstacles in the way of settlement in the entire region. Tensions in the Middle East would have long been eliminated, if the U.S. were not trying to use them to achieve their own aims. Meanwhile, these aims boil down to turning the region into an advanced site for the Pentagon's nuclear missiles.

Therefore, Washington's hypocritical statement about its striving for peace in the Middle East are aimed to deceive both the Arabs and the public at large. So far as Washington is guided by the desire to attain global military supremacy, no serious changes in its approach to the settlement of the Middle East conflict along the lines of justice are likely to take place.

Dealing with a corpse we cannot bury

By Tareq Masarweh

Sensing the futility of what we write, we writers feel embarrassed, the oftentimes feel that the day-to-day dealing with the Arab status-quo is like dealing with a corpse which we can neither bury nor co-exist with. It is the Arab journalist who has to deal with this corpse. Trying to depict an acceptable image in order to acquire the ability to continue and to sell his reader a few moments of deceptive happiness, the journalist finds himself face to face with the rotten and decomposing corpse.

The Iraqi-Iranian war has taken the rotten corpse of the Arab status-quo and thrown it in the face of everybody. The war has turned into an inter-Arab war. The people have degenerated further with the humiliating conflict of regimes to forget all about the pan-Arab issue.

The Iraqi-Iranian war has assumed a new dimension in the conflict raging among the Arab regimes. What is being highlighted now is not the continuation of the war but taking it inside Iraq in order "to topple Saddam's regime". It is a very strange phenomenon being witnessed by the Arab Nation. It is a phenomenon that might be repeated in an Iraqi-Turkish alliance "to topple Hafez Al Assad's regime in Damascus", a Phalangist-Israeli alliance "to topple Elias Sarkis' regime in Beirut", and a Libyan-Ethiopian alliance "to topple Ja'far Numeiri's regime in Khartoum". This is a phenomenon which is likely to repeat itself as long as the objective is the "regime"

and the "individual" and not the homeland, the territories and the pan-Arab dignity.

Why should "toppling Saddam Hussein's regime" be the slogan of the Front of Steadfastness and Confrontation which is allied with the Tehran regime? Why should not the slogan be "toppling Sa'd Haddad's regime in Southern Lebanon" or "toppling Bashir Al Jumayl's Phalangist ghetto regime"? Why should Tehran and not Damascus shoulder the responsibility of toppling Saddam Hussein's regime?

The objective is clear now. Awar Sadat isolated Egypt from the Arab Nation because of the Camp David agreements. After Sadat's departure, it is required to continue this isolation by continuing to impose Sadat's trend on Egypt in order to lead Egyptians to believe that the Arab Nation does not want them. What is also required after the escalation of the Iraqi-Iranian war is isolating Iraq from its nation by turning the Iraqis against their Arab issue, and leading them to believe that their Arab Nation has failed them. Who else remains in the Arab arena after the departure of Iraq and Egypt? Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Gulf states will remain to face the "coming revolution". They will find no one to defend them except the United States.

And we listen. We listen to some Arab radio stations hailing any possible losses the Iraqi army might suffer. We hear Ariel Sharon in the United States speaking about "the Israeli military support for the friendly Iranian army", with the full recognition of the U.S. administration. We listen, and hear, and reach a stage that surpasses pain, for this is the time of dealing with corpses.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Hussein's Arab revolt still echoes

Al Rai

The Arab Renaissance anniversary being celebrated by Jordan and the Arab Nation is a new call by the nation to its leaders to understand the meaning and the lessons which can be derived from such a day when the Great Arab Revolt broke out.

The facts of 60 years ago which accompanied the Arab Revolt led by Sharif Hussein Ben Ali still exist with us. These facts are still valid and unchanged. The most important of these facts is the struggle which constitutes the indispensable means for defending and protecting the Arab identity. Another fact is that Arab unity is the real fence which protects Arabs against dangers imposed by foreign powers. The validity of these facts stresses the urgent need to adhere to struggle and solidarity which enable the Arabs to defend their threatened identity, and to measure up to the challenges besieging them.

The Arabs should understand that their intrinsic strength is the only real guarantee which

can secure the implementation of all international resolutions adopted in relation to their issues. They should realise that in the absence of their intrinsic strength all promises, agreements and resolutions are mere mirage.

The echo of the first bullet that exploded the Arab Revolt is still resounding. The battle that began at that time to defend Arab existence has not come to an end yet. The battle is witnessing grave circumstances and challenges, particularly because the Zionist danger has established a spearhead in the region to escalate aggression and expansion.

Needless to say that Jordan, that carries high the banner of the Great Arab Revolt under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, continues to call on Arabs to adhere to the pan-Arab goals of the revolt and to benefit from its meaning. Celebrating this day, the Jordanian family recalls the glorious past and renews the pledge of loyalty to the leader of the homeland, King Hussein, the carrier of the banner of the Arab Revolt.

They defeated a big empire

Al Dustour

Jordan is celebrating the Arab Renaissance, the foundations of which were laid down by the Arab Revolt, which was led by Sharif Hussein Ben Ali. All the free Arabs in Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia joined this revolt to resist oppression, confront despotism, defend the dignity of the Arab Nation, and liberate its lands from foreign control. The Great Arab Revolt sought to establish Arab unity.

These principles were not mere slogans, but were put to practice and interpreted by the leader of the revolution in an armed struggle against a very mighty empire. The sacrifice and the honest determination of the leader and his men won the

battle against the strong empire, because the revolt embodied all the aspirations of the Arabs.

Hussein Ben Ali, Abdullah Ben Ali Hussein and Faisal led the people of the nation to achieve its hopes. Large numbers of martyrs fell and many Arabs were hanged by the executioner Jamal Pasha, to pay the price of freedom, unity and pan-Arab dignity. These glorious pages were followed by dark ones. The war against the enemy turned into schemes and plots amongst the Arab states, and the unity sought by Sharif Hussein Ben Ali turned into division.

Jordan has inherited the banner of the Great Arab Revolt. It is doing its best to carry out the message of that revolt, and stemming from this endeavour. His Majesty King Hussein has been working to unite the Arab Nation.

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8:00 News in Arabic

8:30 Arabic Series
 9:30 Arabic Series
 10:15 Cultural Symposium
 11:10 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
 7:00 News in French
 7:30 News in Hebrew
 8:00 News in Arabic
 8:30 Gaffer
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 10:00 News in English
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Sporting Summer 14:35 The Derby

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letters 20:00 Special English: news

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World Report

AMMAN AIRPORT

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 17:00 Cairo
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teiba says OPEC may raise oil output ceiling

DHABI, (OPECNA) — OPEC's minister of petroleum resources, hinted that OPEC may soon raise its oil production ceiling of 17.5 million b/d.

He said that the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries set at a meeting of oil ministers in Vienna last March, decided to maintain the ceiling at 17.5 million b/d.

Oteiba, who chairs the committee set up to monitor production, said here: "Prices in the spot market have exceeded the official ceiling and that is an indication that the market is now stable."

He said the monitoring committee would meet again in Vienna early next month.

"We may recommend raising OPEC's current production ceiling of 17.5 million b/d and call for an emergency meeting of the ministerial council to approve that if we find that the glut has disappeared from the oil market."

But he added "we should not rush into taking decisions that could cause a new setback to the market."

He said the decision by North

Sea oil producers, Britain and Norway, to raise their prices by \$2.5 per barrel was "a step forward". He hoped the two countries would take a second step and raise prices to OPEC's level.

Asked whether prices would be discussed at the next monitoring committee meeting, Dr. Oteiba said prices should be frozen at \$34 for Arabian light until some time in 1983.

ICC assails protectionist trade pacts

PARIS (R) — The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) said Tuesday that trade agreements which protect national industries are increasing and are a threat to international economic cooperation.

In a statement sent to the seven countries attending this week's Versailles economic summit it said these sectoral and bilateral trade pacts are outside the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which govern world trade.

"These disquieting trends have begun to embitter international trade relations", it said.

French franc falls against dollar

PARIS (R) — The French franc fell against the dollar Tuesday after reported remarks by President Francois Mitterrand fuelled speculation that the currency could be devalued or "withdawn" from the European Monetary System (EMS).

After markets reopened after a long weekend, the franc was fixed in Paris at 6.1775 to the dollar, down on Friday's closing 6.1200 but still above its record low last March of 6.30. In contrast, the West German mark slipped against the franc to a fix of 2.6029 francs, compared with a Friday close of 2.6110.

Dealers said pressure on the franc stemmed from a belief that France's weakening economic performance would make inevitable a devaluation within the EMS, which sets fluctuation limits for its eight member currencies.

Market rumours were strengthened over the weekend when the Paris-based International Herald Tribune quoted Mr. Mit-

terrand as saying in an interview that he did not rule out the possibility of devaluation or withdrawing from the EMS.

The president's office issued a

denial that Mr. Mitterrand had discussed the subjects in the interview with U.S. journalists last week, but the newspaper said its report was accurate.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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	44.67/0
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One ounce of gold	318.90/319.40

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Japanese yen	
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Aramco's oil output tolls 3.5b barrels

DHAHRAN (OPECNA) — Aramco, the Arabian American Oil Company, produced 3.5 billion barrels of crude in 1981 while its liquefied gas production amounted to 164 million barrels, according to a company report released Monday.

The average daily crude output of Aramco now stands at 9.6 million barrels, representing 12 per cent of the total production of the Middle East oil producing countries, said the report.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares closed firmer on balance though below opening highs after a moderate day's trading, dealers said Tuesday. At 1400 GMT the F.T. index was up 0.5 to 587.8 after a gain of 3.6 points at 1000, they noted.

Prices were marked higher initially on bullish weekend press comment coupled with the British troops' advance on the Falkland Islands, dealers added. However lack of follow-through interest saw prices drift back during the day. Leading industrials were mainly a penny or two firmer as in Bowater at 230p, they said.

U.S. and Canadian stocks were generally lower. Government bonds ended with gains of up to a point. The market easily absorbed government broker supplies of the new tranches of stock announced Friday, dealers said.

Hanson Turst, which had higher interim pretax profit, rose a penny at 159p, after 164p, but MEPC, whose profit also rose, fell 2p to 196p, dealers said. GEC was down 10p at 939p on profit taking after the recent gains.

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SPORTS

Golden Fleece storms to victory in Epsom Derby

EPSOM, England (R) — Irish-trained favourite Golden Fleece came through with a storming run in the last quarter-mile to score a comfortable victory in the 203rd Epsom Derby Wednesday.

Irish jockey Pat Eddery had a great ride on the winner, who led a clean sweep of the first three places for American-bred colts. Golden Fleece came surging up in the straight, passing six horses within about a furlong and a half, and won by three lengths.

Starting at 3 to 1, Golden Fleece won a purse of £146,720 (\$256,760) for owner Robert Sanster.

Touching Wood, a 40 to 1 outsider, finished strongly to take second place, a length ahead of third-placed Silver Hawk, who was also running on at the finish of the one mile four furlongs race.

Persepolis, the only French-trained challenger in the field of 18, was fourth.

Golden Fleece was sweating badly during the preliminaries and drifted in the betting on the course after opening at 9 to 4. But the big, nervous colt whom some critics thought would not be able to handle the turns and undulations of the switchback Epsom course

decisively proved the critics wrong.

He was the only unbeaten horse in the field and he made his rivals look second-class.

The winner is trained by Vincent O'Brien—a 14th English classic victory for the Irish trainer, but his first since the Minstrel won the Derby in 1977.

Victory for Jockey Eddery crowned a memorable week during which he became a father.

"It was marvellous," he said as he returned to the unsaddling enclosure to the cheers of a crowd estimated at 250,000.

Connors edged out of French Open

PARIS (R) — Top seed Jimmy Connors of the United States was bundled out of the French Open Tennis Championships Wednesday beaten 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals by 14th seed Jose Higueras of Spain.

Connors, who has never won the French Open title alone out of the grand slam collection, looked out of touch and had no answer to the controlled play of the bearded Spaniard.

Higueras meets Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, seeded third, who beat French favourite Yannick Noah earlier Wednesday 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the semifinals.

Discipline, harmony emphasised in Algeria's World Cup squad

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria has put the emphasis on discipline and harmony in its choice of a squad to compete in the World Cup soccer finals in Spain this month.

The side will include eight professionals following the exclusion of defenders Nourredine Korichi and Abdellah Medjidi for disciplinary reasons.

They have been replaced by Chaabane Merezekane and Mahmoud Guendouz, who have shone in several internationals, especially in the last phase of

Algeria's World Cup preparations.

Thirty players have recently been training in France, and the official 22-man squad will shortly be announced by the Algerian manager.

First choice of the three goalkeepers is undoubtedly Mahdi Cerbah, followed by 22-year-old Mourad Amara, the youngest member of the squad. Mourad Amara is from the Jet team which won the Algerian 1981/82 championship.

Prominent in defence are Mahmoud Guendouz, Chaabane Merezekane and Abdelghani Djadaoui, at 34 one of the oldest members of the squad but a powerful player for the Sochaux club in France.

The midfield is led by Jet's Ali Fergani and French club players Karim Maroc and Fouzi Mansouri.

Algeria's experienced forwards include the small but powerful Rabah Madjer, as happy on the left wing as he is on the right. He has shown himself a very difficult man to mark and, with an average of one goal a match, he is Algeria's most formidable finisher.

Abdelmadjid Bourebou sees

himself as the powerhouse of the forwards and provides the Algerian attack with some needed impetus.

Two claimants are vying for the centre-forward position following the loss of the injured Rachid Harkouk. They are Djamel Zidane and Djamel Tlemceni, and both have proved their worth in the run-up to the World Cup finals.

Home-based Algerian star Lakhdar Belloumi, who will play at inside right, hopes to regain the form which made him a local legend and gave his team a 4-1 aggregate win over Nigeria, the success that saw them through to the finals for the first time.

Another who could trouble Algeria's opponents in Spain is Ali Bencheikh—a spectacular if erratic player whose passing is superb.

One of the 'oldest players selected is 32-year-old Mustapha Dabieb, mastermind of the Parisian Saint Germain team. He was chosen in spite of recent poor form, but his presence alone could inspire his team-mates.

On the left wing will be the young Salah, Assad, small but very fast, like his fellow winger Madjer. His stubborn possession of the ball is punctuated by the occasional blundering shot at the goal.

Also among the 22, in spite of an injury which has kept him off the pitch this season, is Tedj Bensaula, Algeria's centre forward in 1979/80.

The mixture of professionals and amateurs in the team has so far worked well in international matches. It remains to be seen if the individual skills of the Algerians can be welded into a coherent team with a chance of scoring victories at World Cup final level.

Unofficial list of 22-man Algerian squad:

Goalkeepers: Mahdi Cerbah (29 years old, from R.S. Kouba club), Mourad Amara (23, J.E. Tizi-Ouzou or Jet), Yacine Dentaala (26, M.A. Hussein-Dey).

Defenders: Chaabane Merezekane (23, M.A. Hussein Dey), Mahmoud Guendouz (29, M.A. Hussein-Dey), Salah Larbes (22, Jet), Abdelghani Djadaoui (34, F.C. Sochaux), Mustapha Kouici (28, C.M. Belcourt).

THE Daily Crossword by Stanley B. Whittam

ACROSS
1 Lie adjacent to
5 Tax for mailing
10 — lacto
14 Auricle
15 Heep
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17 Japanese aborigine
18 Wirelless
19 Roman road
20 Flowers
23 Pronoun
24 Harbor: abbr.
25 Defensively covered
30 Flocks

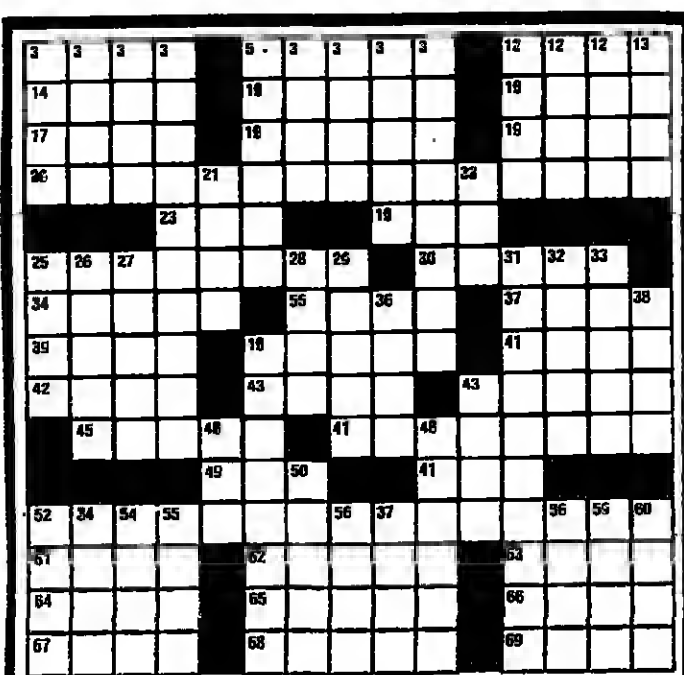
34 Willow
35 Corrida animal
37 Table scraps
39 Getz or Kenton
40 Straight-edge
41 Embossment
42 Come — good (and in failure)
43 Feels bad
44 Depart
45 Page of music
47 Played (a guitar)
49 Corrida cheer

51 — minute (soon)
52 Flower
61 Assam silkworm
62 Like a weak old woman
63 Not on time
64 Prayer ending
65 More scarce
66 White House office
67 Disagreeably moist
68 Kefauver
69 Type of flower

13 Rowboat items
21 Bleaching vat
22 Indian
25 Entertainer
26 Prevent legally
27 Climbing plant
28 Toiletary case
29 Puppets
31 Flower
32 Vision
33 — off (ceaseless)
36 R.P.P. word
38 Coaster
40 Price of train ride
44 Moon
46 Also
48 Streams
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Ferrari names Villeneuve's replacement

MARANELLO, Italy (R) — French racing driver Patrick Tambay will replace Canadian Gilles Villeneuve, killed in practice for the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix last month, as Ferrari's second driver, Ferrari announced Wednesday.

Ferrari said Tambay, 32, would drive alongside his fellow countryman Didier Pironi in the Netherlands Grand Prix on June 26 and in the remaining races of the 1982 World Championship season.

In the forthcoming U.S. (East) and Canadian Grands Prix, however, Ferrari will race only one car driven by Pironi, who will remain under contract with them next year.

Tambay, an expert in turbo-charged cars who made his Formula One debut in the 1977 British Grand Prix, has been racing for the VDS team in the CAN-AM Championships.

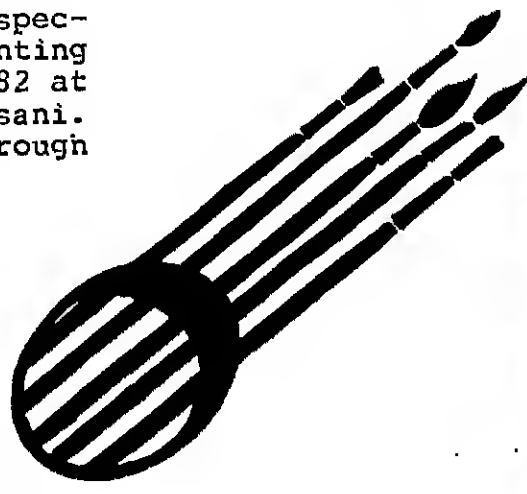
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Aqaba beach south of the container port at 9:15 a.m.

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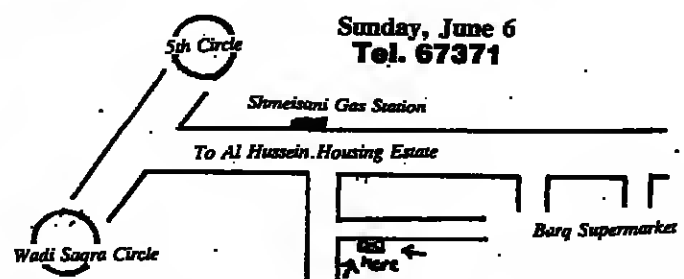
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French anti-nuclear movement loses heart

PARIS — "Everybody to Golfech May 29!" The slogans are on the walls of student-filled houses, a reminder that at a time when France is already signing 40 per cent of its electricity from nuclear power—the anti-nuclear movement is still on. But, here at least, it is a movement that has lost its heart. The demonstration is to mark six-month anniversary of the big protest, when the Mitterrand administration had made as it would keep the bulk of the clear programme. Forty people are hurt in the scrap at Golfech, only nuclear site in the Midi-Pyrenees region and—after the indictment of the fiercely contested Plogoff project in Brittany—the focus of the country's frequent violent anti-nuclear campaign.

The ecologist cause can still y large numbers, but there is a wide gulf between the country folk on the spot and those y call "the hippies." Meanwhile the political establishment, which here is predominantly socialist and radical, has stopped opposing the project, and front-resistance among the farming population has crumbled. Die-hard opponents are embittered. "I've been cuckolded," says Rene Dauty, Socialist ex-mayor of Auvillar, a lovely medieval town neighbouring the site.

Mr. Germain Dupeyre, one of older farmers opposing the mt, shows more enthusiasm recounting his past brushes with the police—and their embarrassment at having to arrest him—than he does about the forthcoming protest. "Once you've started fighting something, you go on with it," volunteers another, Mr. Emile Faucon. But he no longer has any illusions about achieving anything.

The project, on an island formed by the Garonne river 50 miles north-west of Toulouse, was planned by the previous government to be one of the biggest in Europe, with four 1,300 Mw reactors.

Opposition crystallised in 1975, when a referendum in the area produced an 80 per cent "no." The regional council said "no" in 1978, and the elected Tarn-et-Garonne departmental council came to the same verdict the following year. But that autumn, the authorities went ahead with a "public utility inquest." Opponents, including respected local figures, responded by tearing out the pages of the documents on display.

JUMBLE

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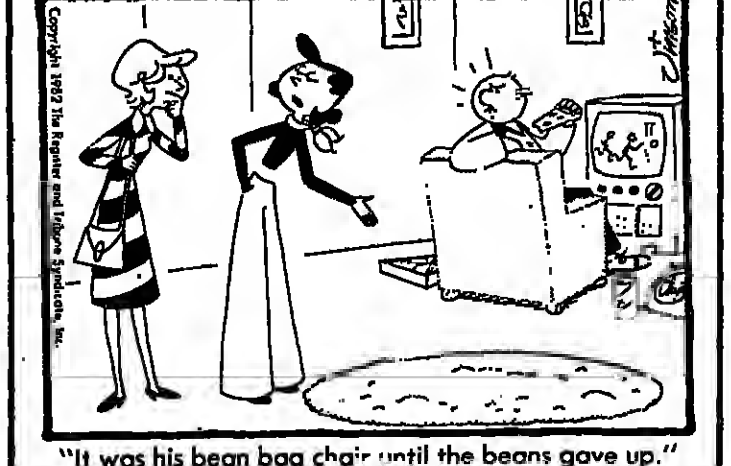
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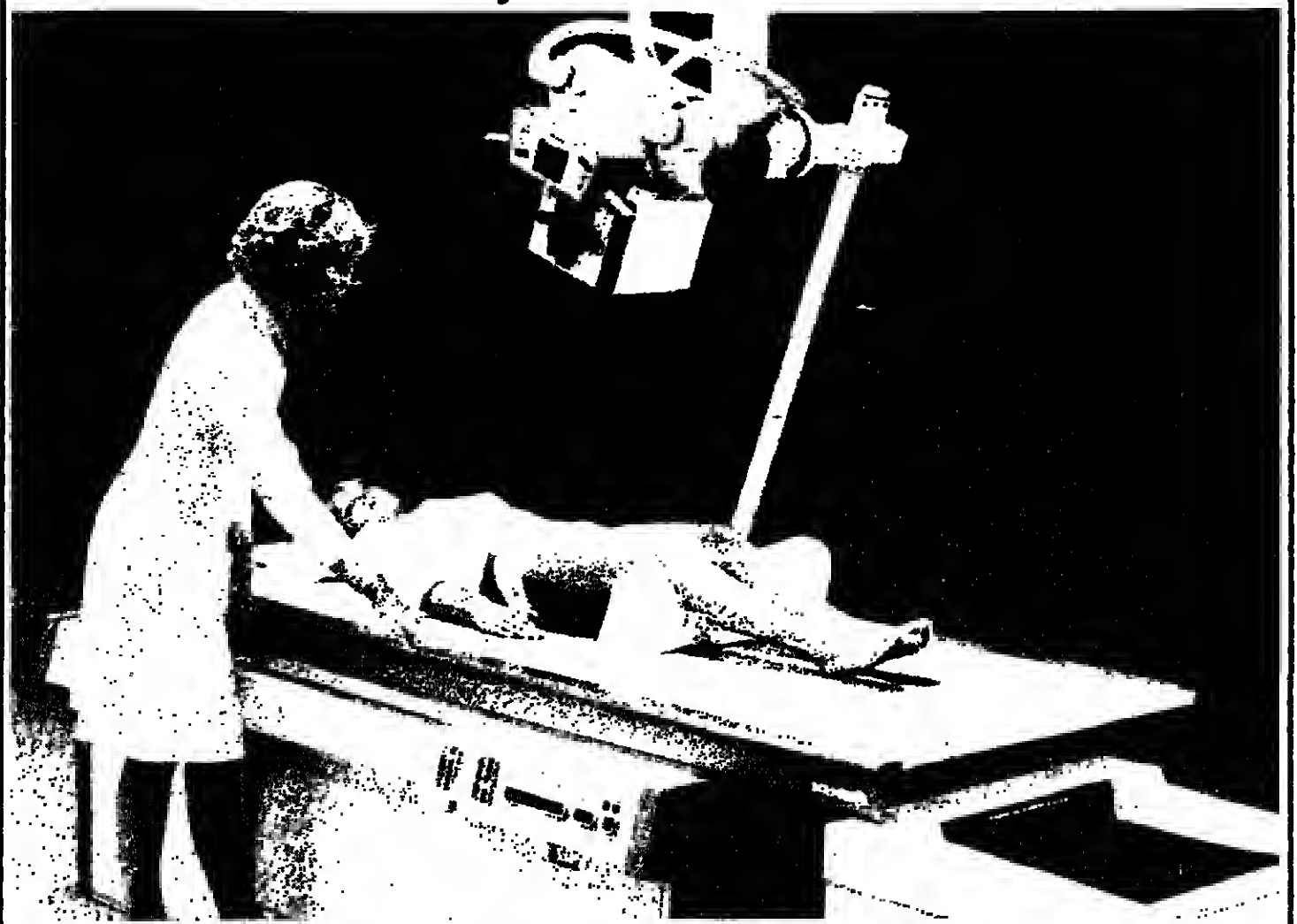
Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIME HAVEN ARTFUL ENOUGH
Answer: What was the new bride's favorite fish? — "HER-RING"



THE BETTER HALF



Versatile X-ray unit makes no mistakes



BONN (Dad) — The new Buckymat X-ray unit from Siemens makes no mistakes. The patient's data are printed automatically on each exposure. The Buckymat is fully automatic, developing

and printing in the size that is pushbutton-set. With a TV amplifier, prints can also be flashed straight on to a monitor screen. (Photo: Dad/Pressfoto Siemens)

Purchasing power is not everything

By Klaus Hofmeir

FRANKFURT (INP) — The 1982 round of wage negotiations in the Federal Republic of Germany has entered the decisive phase. The IG Metall—with its 2.6 million members the biggest single trade union in the western world—has obtained a wage increase of 4.2 per cent. The result, which was achieved by arbitration (a procedure whereby independent experts work out a compromise formula), is one with which both employers and trade unions can live. It is the more remarkable because the wage tariff negotiations were held against the background of a very modest expectation of growth of only 1.5 per cent and unemployment totalling two million persons, an unusually high figure for the Federal Republic of Germany.

The employers' argument that wage rises, because of the extra costs involved, will put a damper on investment which is necessary if more jobs are to be created, is accepted in principle by the trade unions. But their argument is also a weighty one. They say wages mean income and that in turn means extra purchasing power and demand for goods which supports the economy. Employers and trade unions have shown that in their search for a wage agreement that is appropriate to the current economic situation and that takes account of both the costs and the purchasing power arguments, they are prepared to strike out on new paths.

This is shown most clearly in the chemical industry. The IG Chemie trade union has made no concrete wage demands and will make its main aim in the pending wage negotiations the creation of more jobs. This could be achieved, for example if the employers agree that, when older employees retire prematurely, their jobs should be filled by younger men. The IG Metall had something similar in mind in the form of a "wage tariff pension" but on grounds of cost this could not be pursued. However in the current discussion of labour policy the question of whether more jobs can be created by shortening the working life and whether they can be maintained, is playing an important role.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A tendency to look on the dark side of life should be replaced now by an awareness that you are able to make progress by keeping your nose to the grindstone. Maintain self-control.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A higher-up may think you are not handling your duties wisely, so you have to prove that this is not the case.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Finish important work at hand before looking into new outlets. Don't take advice from one who is not qualified to give it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get facts and figures straight before discussing future with higher-ups. Avoid any arguments with associates. Relax tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you are in a bad mood today and may want to annoy an associate, it is wise to tone down, or you could regret it.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Don't make any changes where your work is concerned, or you could spoil the plans of co-workers. Control your temper.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) This could be a strange day where work is concerned, so be alert at all times. Show others you can be relied upon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Give more time at home to a situation that requires a practical solution. The evening is ideal for the social. Show that you have poise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Use courtesy in dealing with others and avoid arguments, or you could get into trouble. Show more devotion to loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to spend less and save more for the future, or you could regret it later. Consult business expert for advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take the treatments that eliminate any flaws you may have and make a better impression on others. Be more cheerful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care of all those small tasks that have been accumulating and steer clear of the social for now. Be wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Try not to be too critical of associates at this time. New ideas should be accepted so you can advance more quickly in your career.

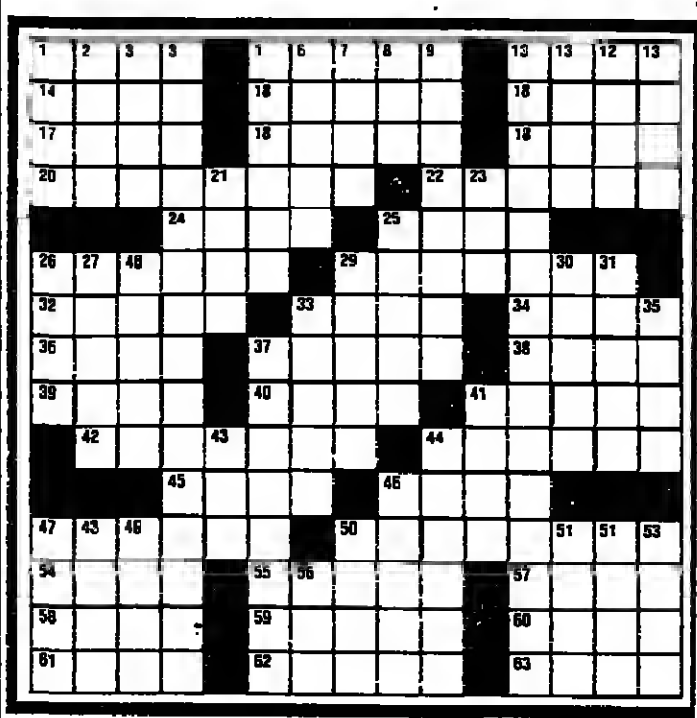
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she may want to take on the problems of others but teach to do so only when the cause is right. Direct the education along investigative lines for best results. A fine sportsman or sportswoman in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword

by Bernice Gordon

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WORLD

Chester Crocker to meet SWAPO leader in Bonn on neutral ground

BONN (R) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for American Affairs Chester Crocker made a surprise visit to Bonn Tuesday to meet Sam Nujoma, leader of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO). West German diplomatic sources said.

SWAPO is fighting for the independence of Namibia (South West Africa), which at present is administered by South Africa in defiance of United Nations resolutions.

The U.S. is one of five Western "Contact Group" states charged by the U.N. with leading Namibia to independence through free and fair elections. The other Western countries are West Germany, France, Britain and Canada.

Mr. Nujoma discussed outstanding issues in the negotiations this morning with West German foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The SWAPO leader was meeting Mr. Crocker "on neutral ground" later the sources said. It will be the first time the two men have met.

Which way to vote

The sources said differences remained on the electoral system for the vote which is to lead

U.S. military property in W. Germany bombed

FRANKFURT, West Germany (R) — Four bombs exploded early Tuesday at U.S. military installations in West Germany, only eight days before the arrival of President Reagan for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) meeting in Bonn.

A spokesman for the U.S. Fifth Army Corps said the bombs went off at about 1.30 a.m. (2330 GMT) at the headquarters building of the Fifth Corps in Frankfurt, and at officers' clubs in Gelnhausen, Hanau and Bamberg.

No injuries were reported, and damage to the buildings was described as moderate.

The spokesman said that no one had claimed responsibility for the bombings and that each explosion took place in areas where the public had relatively free access.

India, Pakistan to resume non-aggression pact talks

ISLAMABAD (R) — India and Pakistan agreed Tuesday to resume talks on a non-aggression pact, the foreign ministry said. No date was announced.

The decision followed a meeting between Pakistani officials and an Indian envoy who arrived Monday with a letter from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Talks were halted by India three months ago because Pakistan raised their Kashmir dispute at the

Peking detains U.S. citizen

PEKING (R) — The United States has protested to China about the seizure of an American teacher who has been detained in connection with alleged theft of state secrets, a U.S. embassy spokesman said Tuesday.

Friends identified the detained woman as Lisa Wisner, a graduate student in economics from Denver University, Colorado, who has been teaching English in Peking since late summer 1980.

They said Miss Wisner, who had recently applied to marry a Chinese citizen, was arrested early last Friday.

Informed sources said the embassy was not notified that Miss Wisner had been detained until Saturday.

Mr. Crocker said Miss Wisner had not been formally arrested or charged.

The U.S. embassy spokesman, referring to the alleged theft of state secrets, said: "We are aware this has a broader interpretation in Chinese society than there would be in the United States."

Social reforms top agenda of Colombian poll-winner

BOGOTA (R) — Colombia's new president-elect, Conservative Belisario Betancur, has promised an amnesty for left-wing guerrillas and the end of a state of siege, in force in the country almost continuously for more than 30 years.

Mr. Betancur, whose main rival in Sunday's presidential poll has conceded defeat, said he would also try to consolidate any peace settlement with measures to relieve widespread poverty and social injustice among the country's 27 million people.

He has also promised to reactivate Colombia's economy.

Just over half of Colombia's 13.7 million electorate, a huge turnout by local standards, voted in the poll, which took place peacefully despite guerrilla threats of violence.

Mr. Betancur, who had a 12-per-cent lead over the official Liberal candidate with 82 per cent of the vote counted, begins a four-year term of office on Aug. 7.

Outgoing President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala Monday night formally congratulated him on his victory. Liberal Alfonso Lopez Michelsen conceded defeat earlier in the day.

Mr. Betancur, 59, who stood

Spanish entry a big boost to NATO forces in Europe

BRUSSELS (R) — Military planners say Spain's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) will boost the alliance's maritime defence capabilities and strengthen NATO's position in a key geographical zone.

They also see the recruitment of a new member for the first time in 27 years as proof of vitality in NATO's current development, and believe the move will help underpin Spain's fledgling status as one of the Western democracies.

To mark Spain's accession as NATO's 16th member last weekend, NATO officials are planning a flag-raising ceremony at alliance headquarters which will be attended by Spain's Defence Minister Alberto Oliart and Foreign Affairs Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca.

Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, whose 15-month-old government has sought NATO membership as a top priority, will now be able to participate fully in next week's NATO summit in Bonn.

Although Spain's exact role in NATO remains subject to detailed negotiations, Mr. Oliart has said it will lie in improving the

Lech Walesa reported held in luxury villa

WARSAW (R) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa is being held in an army-guarded hunting lodge a short walk from the Soviet border in one of the most isolated corners of southeast Poland, travellers from the area said Tuesday.

They said Mr. Walesa, kept in isolation in a government villa at Orzowek near Warsaw until early last month, was now interned at Arlamow, a luxury hunting complex near a fishing river and surrounded by game-filled forest.

The lodge was used by former Communist leader Edward Giersek to entertain top-level visitors, including presidents Tito of Yugoslavia and Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France.

Mr. Walesa's wife Danuta is due to visit her husband on Thursday. When she passed through Warsaw Monday on her way from her home in Gdansk she said she did not know exactly where he was being held.

Solidarity memorial removed

WARSAW (R) — Polish authorities have removed a marble stone laid by Solidarity supporters in a central Warsaw square to commemorate nine people killed in a clash between miners and security forces last December.

Suzuki tells Zhao good Sino-U.S. relations vital

TOKYO (R) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki told Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang Tuesday that Japan was deeply concerned about difficulties in relations between Peking and Washington, a government spokesman said.

He said Mr. Suzuki told Mr. Zhao, on the second day of six-day official visit, that it was important for Japan for China and the United States to have good relations.

"Mr. Suzuki said Japan is greatly concerned over developments in relations between the U.S. and China," the spokesman told reporters.

U.S. Vice-President George Bush went to Peking last month to try to soothe Chinese anger over Reagan administration plans to sell \$60 million worth of military equipment to Taiwan.

The spokesman said the two ministers agreed that Japan and China, which signed a peace and friendship treaty four years ago, would continue to expand bilateral relations despite Sino-American problems.

The spokesman said Mr. Zhao urged that this week's two-day Western economic summit in Versailles stress the importance of solving problems between developed and developing countries. He said the Soviet Union would be able to interfere with developing countries unless they were permitted to develop stably.

The spokesman said Mr. Suzuki assured Mr. Zhao that Japan, the greatest economic power in Asia, would spare no effort to cooperate in China's modernisation efforts.

Mr. Zhao said that China wanted Japanese cooperation in industry, agriculture, transport, modernisation of existing plants and exchange of scientific technology.

Argentinian POWs kept in sheep pens pending transfer to prison ships

LONDON (R) — Argentine soldiers captured in the Falklands are sleeping in sheep pens because British forces have nowhere else to put them before they are transferred to prison ships, a correspondent with the British troops has said.

Brian Hanrahan of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said the number of prisoners taken — 1,400 men according to official figures — had all but overwhelmed the British.

Most of the Argentinians surrendered at Goose Green on East Falkland, about 30 kilometres south of the British beachhead at Port San Carlos.

Mr. Hanrahan said they were being flown back to San Carlos Bay when helicopters were available and taken aboard one of the landing ships for processing.

He described them as "short, apprehensive men under the guard of sentries with sub-machine guns."

"They seemed well enough clad, although some had holes in

U.S.-Soviet arms talks expected to be useful

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to reopen negotiations this month on curbing their arsenals of strategic nuclear warheads and missiles.

The White House and the Kremlin announced Monday that Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) would begin June 29 in Geneva. President Reagan said it was the start of a "quest for peace."

The negotiations were arranged less than a month after Mr. Reagan, in a speech in Illinois, proposed that both countries reduce strategic nuclear warheads by one-third and also reduce the number of long-range missiles.

U.S. officials say Mr. Reagan's strategic nuclear arms reduction proposals, contained in a speech last May 9, are proof of his desire to curb the nuclear arms race despite his own rearmament programme.

U.S. officials expressed pleasure that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had swiftly welcomed the announcement of the opening of START negotiations and had urged the Kremlin to react positively to Mr. Reagan's May 9 proposals.

Mr. Reagan plans to leave Wednesday for France, where he will attend a seven-nation economic summit in Versailles. He will also visit Rome, Bonn, West Berlin and London.

E. German peace groups made to sing party tune

By Peter Millar

EAST BERLIN (R) — In five days of organised anti-NATO demonstrations by the Communist youth movement, East German authorities have tried to take the wind out of the sails of an unofficial peace movement and reinforce the party line.

The demonstrations began last Thursday in East Berlin with a rally of over 100,000 blue-shirted members of the Free German Youth (FDJ) movement and continued in almost every major town or city in the country over the Whitman holiday period until Monday.

At a joint East German-Czechoslovak Communist youth rally in Magdeburg, west of Berlin, the FDJ's 45-year-old leader, deputy politburo member Egon Krenz, declared "Peace is our state policy." Suckers were given out depicting a crossed-out missile and the slogan "Make peace against NATO weapons."

Unofficial peace campaigners in East Germany have been calling for disarmament by both East and West under the slogan "Make peace without weapons."

But both that slogan and the "Swords to ploughshares" badge of the unofficial movement have been effectively banned. Police have been known to rip them off youngsters' clothing if worn in public.

The weekend demonstrations appeared to be a state attempt to direct youthful enthusiasm for demonstrations along officially controllable channels.

The authorities have made clear they view unofficial disarmament campaigners as harming national interests by encouraging refusal to do military service.

It is a line which embarrasses the Protestant Evangelical Church which supports conscientious objectors on Christian moral grounds but is worried about getting caught up in a political protest movement.

In an attempt to show Communist solidarity across the generations the blue-shirted youngsters gathered at FDJ rallies in Leipzig, Dresden, Erfurt, Rostock and elsewhere were treated to free pop concerts by East German groups and allowed to sit in the roads playing guitars unhindered by police.

Most unofficial peace campaigners, many of whom are older and more politically aware than the mainly teenage FDJ members, simply stayed away from the demonstrations.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Israeli population drops by 11,000

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israel's Jewish population dropped by 11,000 in 1981 for the first time since the state was established, according to Bank of Israel statistics published here Monday. It said 26,000 people emigrated from Israel, compared to an influx of 14,000 new immigrants. Bank of Israel economists attributed the population fall to a shortage of jobs for immigrants and a drop in the birth rate. Since Israel's foundation in 1948, there have always been more immigrants than emigrants. Immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union dwindled to a few thousand last year. Most of those permitted to leave the Soviet Union preferred to go to the United States.

Algerian envoy meets King Khaled

BAHRAIN (R) — An Algerian presidential envoy, Lakhdar Brahimi, arrived in Riyadh Tuesday and conferred with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, the official Saudi Press Agency said. It did not disclose details of the mission or the talks, but Gulf newspapers said Mr. Brahimi had been asked by Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid to discuss with Gulf leaders how the Iran-Iraq war could be ended. The Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, visited Algeria and Syria last month in an attempt to lay the groundwork for a joint Arab position on the conflict, now in its 21st month.

Tindemans ends Mideast tour

TEL AVIV (R) — The president of the European Economic Community's Council of Ministers, Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, left Israel for home Tuesday after concluding a Middle East fact-finding tour. Mr. Tindemans met Israeli leaders for discussions on issues ranging from the Palestinian problem to bilateral relations and said he thought a Middle East settlement was "difficult to achieve but not impossible."

Iraqi student sentenced to jail in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE (R) — An Iraqi student has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for bomb attacks on the Iraqi embassy in Belgrade and the attempted assassination of the ambassador, court officials said Tuesday. Belgrade district court found Ali Mahdi, a student at Belgrade University, guilty of planting two bombs under Iraqi embassy cars last April and June. The first, under the ambassador's car, did not explode, but the second wrecked a military mission car. There were no casualties. The court also ordered Mahdi to be expelled from Yugoslavia after he has served his sentence.

Private vehicles banned from central Athens to fight poisonous cloud

ATHENS (R) — Private cars and lorries were banned in the centre of Athens as from Tuesday in an attempt to free the Greek capital from a poisonous cloud caused by pollution. The ban will continue throughout this month, a government announcement said. The poisonous cloud, which sent hundreds of people to hospital, has become a frequent feature in the once-blue Athenian sky. Outside the centre of the capital the cars will circulate on an odd-even number basis in June, the announcement said. In July and August the circulation ban will be lifted but a 30 per cent cut in factory production will be introduced to deal with the pollution, the announcement added. Industrial pollution in Athens, where about one third of Greece's nine million population and half of its industry are concentrated, has caused serious damage to the ancient monuments on the Athens Acropolis.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q.—I seem to be out of step with the rest of the bridge world. I bid when my partners expect me to pass, and pass when they want me to bid again. Can you help by explaining which situations are forcing and which are not?—P. Berry, Atlanta, Ga.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—You need a book, not a bridge column, to answer your question fully. But I will try to present some guidelines.

First, you have to differentiate between two types of forcing auctions:

a) Those that are forcing to game; and b) One-round forces.

Let us consider game forces first.

1a) A demand bid of two in a suit. That is unconditionally forcing to game, except when the opponents have been doubled, or where opener simply rebids his suit after getting a negative response. Then if responder has a completely trickless hand, he may pass below game.

2a) A jump shift by opener: e.g.,

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♠	1 ♥
2 ♠	

Neither partner may pass short of game.

3a) A jump shift by responder:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♠	1 ♥
1 NT	3 ♠

4a) An immediate cue-bid of the opponents' suit:

WEST NORTH

1 ♣ 2 ♥

Bids that are a one-round force:

1b) A change of suit by responder:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♠	1 ♠
2 ♠	2 ♥

Exception: where opener's rebid is not a trump and responder's second suit is lower-ranking than his first, it is not forcing.

2b) A reverse by opener:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♥	1 NT
2 ♠	

The reverse is forcing, but only to three of opener's first suit.

3b) A reverse by responder, even if preceded by a 1 NT rebid by opener:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♠	1 ♥
1 NT	2 ♠

The next series of bids are highly invitational, but not forcing:

1c) A jump rebid of his own suit by opener after a one-over-one response:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♥	1 ♠
3 ♥	

2c) A jump rebid of his own suit by responder, after a non-forcing rebid by opener:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♥	1 ♠
1 NT	3 ♠

3c) A jump rebid of two no trump by opener:

NORTH	SOUTH
1 ♠	1 ♠
2 NT	

This jump can be passed by responder if he is sub-minimum for his response, or if his hand consists of nothing but a couple of queens and a couple of jacks, making it of doubtful use to opener.

The economy becomes Mubarak's biggest problem

By Ahmed Shawki

Reuter

CAIRO — President Hosni Mubarak is putting his political prestige on the line as he strives to boost the Egyptian economy and ease the crushing poverty of much of the population.

Now that the whole of the Sinai peninsula has been returned, the economy is President Mubarak's most daunting task. Political experts believe he must show some results soon if he is to keep the popular backing he won after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last October.

Economists agree the problem is getting worse. Every year some 1,200,000 babies swell the Egyptian population, now standing at about 44 million, consuming more food from shrinking agricultural resources.

Egypt's building industry produces only about 130,000 new homes a year, less than a sixth of the number needed. Food imports

cost \$2.3 billion last year, more than a quarter of Egypt's total import bill.

On top of this, revenues from Egypt's major foreign currency earners, oil, tourism, the Suez Canal and workers' remittances, began levelling off in 1981.

Oil revenue for the year totalled \$2.7 billion. Because of falling world prices Egypt had to lower its price three times in the year, a total drop of \$10 a barrel.

Tourist income at \$460 million was 25 per cent down on the previous year although government officials say there has been some improvement this year. Canal revenue at \$800 million was also down as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The biggest foreign currency earnings came from the \$3 billion in remittances from Egyptians working abroad.

An economic conference chaired by President Mubarak considered the problems in February. It decided the task should be tackled on several fronts by

stimulating investment, rationalising imports, revising subsidies, adjusting exchange rates and maintaining energy prices. It also decided that a major birth control campaign should be launched.

Mr. Mubarak has stressed that the open-door policy for foreign investment, introduced by the late President Sadat, will continue. But he said recently that investment should be guided in directions most beneficial to Egypt and

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trade experts believe imports of manufactured consumer goods could be cut.

Mr. Mubarak has also called for an urgent campaign to solve the overpopulation problem which he said could cripple Egypt's economy.

Economists say that the more population increases, the more productive agricultural land is overrun by housing.

A study by the ministry of land

reclamation showed that 700,000 acres (280,000 hectares) of agricultural land has been lost during the past 10 years, about 8.5 per cent of the total cultivated area in Egypt.

"We are losing good fertile land every year," the minister of state for housing, Hassaballah Kafrawi, said. Reclaimed land in the desert could not compensate for land along the Nile Valley used for housing, he added.

The study showed that farmers deserted the countryside and settled in urban areas seeking jobs because of the drop in acreage of cultivated land.

It said that whereas 81 per cent of Egyptians lived in rural areas in 1907, only 56 per cent did so today and the percentage was expected to drop further to 45 per cent by the year 2000.

The government has planned various land reclamation projects. The first involves some 300,000 acres (120,000 hectares) west of Nubaria canal in the western desert and most of the work will be

done by the armed forces. Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel Halim Ahi Ghazala said that with the completion of this project by 1990, the armed forces would be self-sufficient in food and have a surplus for the rest of the nation.

Another 500,000 acres (200,000 hectares) are to be reclaimed at Sakhia east of the Nile Delta. Work began last January on the first part of this project, covering 56,500 acres (22,600 hectares) at an estimated cost of 293 million Egyptian pounds (\$337 million).

The Sakhia project has been sharply criticised by the opposition parties because of its high cost. Most of the reclamation work there is being done by machines.

These and other agricultural and industrial projects need huge funds which Egypt expects to borrow from the West, adding to the country's debt burden, now more than \$20 billion.

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